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APPRECIATION OF HAY.

Messages lamenting the death of Secretary of State John Hay have been dispatched from all over the world to Mrs. Hay and to President Roosevelt.

GIVE THE BOY A SHOW.

All over the country, and even in our midst, vague apprehensions as to the possible loss of life accompanying a noisy observance of the Fourth of July have arisen.

to purchase fire works. Let Astoria's observance of the Fourth be noisy in the extreme, let the detonations accompanying a great and continuous explosion reverberate from valley to valley.

COMMENT

Attention is diverted from the Chicago strike. In San Francisco a lawless band are denying the people the exquisite pleasure of reading a very interesting evening paper, the Bulletin, according to the Bulletin.

"The sun never sets on British soil," like John L. Sullivan, is a has been. Nowadays every lip shouts, "the sun never sets on American soil."

A New York clergyman is quoted as saying that the term "tainted money" has become a jest. It is a kind of a joke to realize that people refuse money, real money, hard gold coin, when it is veritably thrown at them.

A man named Johnson in San Francisco reports having passed a whale 1120 feet long, which was lashing the water furiously within 100 feet of one of the city's largest docks.

Chicagoans have discovered that the ground under some of their skyscrapers is sinking. Some day they may discover that the foundations of their morals have been sinking for a period, extending over a great many years.

"Taft due here on Fourth," reads a head in the San Francisco Call. The secretary of war will be due to leave the "Bay City" about the same time if he should inadvertently allow advocates of Chinese exclusion to interview him.

"The close-fisted San Francisco landlord who complained at the loss of gas which ran through the meter before the asphyxiated guest was discovered, will have his burden lightened in the future.

Regarding the proper pronunciation of "chauffeur" the spellers on the Trail at the Portland fair have mastered it. If you hear one of these hoarse-voiced exposition followers shout, "Come hyar, hyar, right hyar. Steninlosehyar an' don't—will that fat man let those six ladies take his place—don't blockade the passage way.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

The hand that rocked the cradle Hush-a-by Baby, Up-to-date. Now turns a little switch, And swing-swing goes the baby To a regulated stich.

Up will go baby, and motor, and all. The current rocks the baby, And cools him with a fan. And shoots him through the Subway.

When the fuse bursts, it's baby's last call— Up will go baby, and motor, and all. The mother-care is wasted.

What does the work is juice, The current rears the baby, And love has no excuse, For in this age electric

A thing must be of use. So mother sings as baby swings: Hush-a-by, baby, in the whizz-cot, When the switch turns the baby will rock.

When the fuse bursts, it's baby's last call— Up will go baby, and motor, and all. Wex Jones in N. Y., American

The foregoing from the pen of Wex ured some months ago while Wex and his good friend Colonel North, figured a .ome months ago while Wex was associated with the Portland Oregonian.

In the midst of one of these discussions they retired to the famous little Italian restaurant on Alder street, a few doors from the Oregonian building. This place is frequented by all Portland newspaper men, who, for some inconceivable reason, have a failing for that elusive delicacy called spaghetti.

"I tell you, Colonel, you old tosser, you're wrong." All undaunted, the Colonel, a man who substantiates the general belief that English people are slow in their appreciation of American humor, suddenly broke his platter of spaghetti over Wexford's cranium.

"My word, Wex, old blighter, I—I—I—I—think, y'know you—you—you—you'r, ah—argument is a bit precipitous, y'know."

"Jentlemen, jentlemen, I think you make too mucha de messa. I aska you to queta this instanta."

HOMER DAVENPORT AND MARK HANNA.



Italian. Wex threw the remainder of the spaghetti at the Italian. Not to be surpassed, the Colonel joined in the attack. Having painted the Italian a delightful reddish brown, Wex and the Colonel went out for something to eat.

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